(d) if so, what are the details and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) As per information available with the Ministry, these Councils collectively have been paying nearly Rs. 18.00 lakhs as annual rent.

Stagnation in the research posts in Central Coucils for research

2825. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the officers holding research posts in Central Council for Research in Ayurveda, Siddha, Homoeopathy Unani are stagnating on the same Post for 8-14 years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Medical Officers in CGHS dispensaries of Ayurveda, Homoeopathy and Unani who were initially appointed as Group 'B' officers have benefited through a cadre review and now promoted en-mass to Group 'A' status and get regular promotions to next higher grade after completing 8 years of service as Medical officer; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for such disparity and biased treatment towards officers working on research posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (c) It is true that there is a considerable stagnation in research posts in Central Councils for Research in Ayurveda, Siddha, Homoeopathy and Unani. While decision have been taken for upgradation of posts of Medical Officers in CGHS Dispensaries in Ayurveda, Siddha, Homoeopathy and Unani to Group A. The question of stagnation in respect of Research Officers is being looked into.

Interaction between Ministry of Health and Tobacco Bord

2826. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had any inter-action with the statutory authority responsible in the country for tobacco, economy namely the Tobacco Board located in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there has been any effort at any time to discuss with the Tobacco Board in various objectives and proposals regarding health and tobacco;

(c) if so, what are the details there of; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d) This Ministry has interacted with the Tobacco Board on several occasions.

Procurement of Medicines in CGHS (Unani) dispensaries

2827. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of medicines which had been deleted from the Unani formulary of medicines prepared for CGHS Unani Store Depot during the last three years, years-wise alongwith reasons in each case;

(b) whether Government introduce the system of procurement of medicines from local chemists, which which were not available in the Dispensary/unit or even in the Unani Store Depot which was later